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Baptist Association,

1884.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSON

—OF THE—

Mississippi Baptist Association,

--HELD WITH--

New Providence Baptist Church,

AMITE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

October 10th, 11th, and 13th, 1884.

OFFICERS:

ELD. W. W. BOLLS, Zion Hill Postoffice.....MODERATOR.
ELD. G. B. RODGERS, Woodville Postoffice.....CLERK.
W. Z. LEA, Liberty Postoffice.....TREASURER

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Friday, October 10, 1884.

The Mississippi River Baptist Association convened this day in its Seventy-eight Session with the New Providence church, Amite county, Miss.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. W. Spencer. Text, Ezk. 11:4.

EVENING SESSION.

After an intermission of an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. W. Bolls.

Prayer was offered by Elder M. C. Cole of New Orleans, La.

G. B. Rogers was elected clerk pro tem.

Brethren J. R. Sample and T. J. Scott were appointed reading clerks.

The roll of churches was called and the following responded with letters, and by delegates, whose names appear below

Names of churches and delegates:

East Fork—W. H. Tucker, H. G. Quinn, M. B. Bobinson, W. Everett.

Ebenezer—Thos. Lansdell, R. D. J. Smith, W. B. Kinabrew.

Fort Adams—H. A. Rogers.
Galilee—E. W. Spencer, S. S. Faust,
Hopewell—T. J. Scott.
Liberty—W. Z. Lea, J. F. Hamilton, W. F. Love.
Mars Hill—J. A. Burress, R. J. Fenn, M. M. Whitney.
Mount Zion—C. P. Jones, T. R. Godbold.
New Hope—J. R. Mullens, B. F. Zumbro.
New Providence—W. J. Toler. W. P. Gardner.
Percy's Creek—Geo. S. Morris, V. Row.
Pioneer—J. T. Sturgeon. I. S. Bunch.
Providence—S. B. Oglesby.
Ramah—P. R. Jones, J. H. Davis.
Summit—Peter Turner, J. R. Sample.
Union (Amite)—J. H. Butler.
Union (Franklin)—E. B. Seales, M. F. Byrd, F. H. Dorsey.
Zion Hill—W. W. Bolls, S. O'Neale, W. R. Jacobs.
Woodville—A. E. Fugler, J. B. Oliver.
Siloam—S. H. Thompson.
McComb City—T. F. Causey, S. R. Quinn.
New Zion—O. D. Newman, J. A. Jenkins.
New Salem—J. M. Ballard.
Natchez—Z. T. Leavell.

RE-ORGANIZATION

Under suspenston of the rule, G. B. Rogers was unanimously elected Clerk, by acclamation.

Brethren Sample and Scott were appointed tellers. and reported the following:

W. W. Bolls, Moderator, and W. Z. Lea, Treasurer.

The following order of business was adopted:

1. Reading of letters from the churches and enrollment of delegates.
2. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
3. Roll call.
4. Appointment of the usual and necessary committees.
5. Call for petitionary letters.

6. Call for correspondence.
7. Reports of committees.
8. New business.
9. Appointment of messengers to corresponding bodies.
10. Selection of next place of meeting,
11. Reading and adopting minutes of present meeting.
12. Adjournment.

The following committees were appointed :

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of New Providence church.

Finance—E. B. Seale, J. P. Jones, B. F. Zumbro.

Nominations—H. G. Quinn, S. O'Neale, S. S. Faust.

Obituaries—E. W. Spencer, J. R. Sample, W. P. Gardner.

Home Missions—W. H. Tucker, H. A. Rogers, J. A. Burress.

Ministerial Education—Peter Turner, M. M. Whitney, V. Row.

Sabbath-schools—M. M. Whitney, A. E. Fugler. L. O. Weathersby. J. M. Watson.

Publications—Thos. Lansdale, M. B. Robinson, W. B. Kinabrew.

Systematic Benevolence—J. B. Oliver, W. Everette, R. J. Fenn.

By motion. the committee on Temperance was changed to committee on Prohibition.

Prohibition—T. F. Causey, J. R. Quinn, W. B. Kinabrew.

Abstracts—Moses Jackson, T. R. Godbold, J. A. Mullins.

Foreign Missions—A. C. Crain, S. E. McDonald, J. C. Roberts.

State Missions—A. G. Felder, J. F. Hamilton, I. J. Bunch.

By motion, the Association dispensed with the committee on General Educatiou.

By motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother H. G. Quinn.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 11.

Association convened at 9 o'clock, a.m.

Religious exercises half hour, conducted by Brother Bolls.

The Association re-considered its action dispensing with committee on General Education.

Committee on General Education—W. B. Kinabrew, T. H. Hoff.

A committee on Mississippi College was appointed, consisting of Brethren Z. T. Leavell. W. H. Tucker, J. R. Sample.

Correspondence called for.

Mississippi River Association—A. G. Felder, Iverson, Morgan, O. L. Parker were received and seated as messengers.

Gulf Coast—A. C. Crane.

Central—C. H. Green.

Letter from Natchez presented, read and delegate, Brother Z. T. Leavell, received.

Reports of committees:

Nominations—read and adopted, appendix A.

Home Missions—Read, discussed and adopted, appendix B.

Under suspension of rule, messengers of the Homochitto Association, (col) Samuel Jackson and Washington Smith were received and seated.

Report on Systematic Benevolence read, and adopted, appendix C.

Brother H. Woodsmall, of Atlanta, Ga., who represents the Home Mission Society of New York, was received, and by request, addressed the Association on the subject of his work —teaching the colored preachers of the South.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Association came to order. Prayer by Brother O. L. Parker.

Report on Mississippi College read, discussed and adopted,

appendix D.

Pending the adoption of the report, the following churches made try pledges:

New Hope	$ 15 00
East Fork	25 00
New Providence	10 00
Fort Adams	10 00
Mars Hill	20 00
Mount Zion	25 00
Percy's Creek	10 00
Ramah	10 00
Union, Franklin	10 00
Summit	25 00
Zion Hill	10 00
Woodville	50 00
Natchez	25 00
Liberty	25 0
Galilee	25 00
Pioneer	10 00
McComb City	25 00
Total	$330 00
New Zion	(Leavell best.)

Report of committee on Sunday-schools was made a special order for 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Report on Prohibition read and discussed.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY—October 12, 1884.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock a Sunday-school mass-meeting was held and the following subjects were discussed:

The duty of parents in relation to Sunday-schools, by W F. Perry.

The advantages of Sunday-schools in assisting church work, by G. B. Rogers.

The necessity of using Baptist literature to the exclusion of all other, by O. L. Parker.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder Z. T. Leavell. Text Jno. 14:27, after which a collection was taken for Valence

Street Mission, New Orleans, La., amounting to $44.15

Preaching at 2 o'clock by Elder Peter Turner. Text, Luke, 19:10.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 13, 1884.

After Religious Exercises, the Association was called to order by Moderator, W. W. Bolls.

Elder I. H. Anding was received as agent of Mississippi College.

Elder E. C. Gates, representative from Tennessee Convention, was received.

Report of committee on Prohibition was adopted, appendix E.

Report on General Education read and adopted, appendix F.

Report on Sunday-schools read and adopted, appendix G.

Report on Publications read, discussed, amended by recommending the Tennessee Baptist, and adopted; appendix H.

Report on State Missions read, discussed and adopted, appendix I.

In a cash collection $9.60 were raised for Natchez church.

Report on Ministerial Education read, discussed and adopted, appendix J.

Cash collection for Brother C. H. Green, $5.05. Pledges amounting to $26.00.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted, appendix K.

Ladies' meeting at 11 o'clock.

Opened with singing "Work for the night is coming."

Scripture reading and prayer by Sister Emma J. Gardner.

Talks by Sisters E. J. Gardner, Mrs. C. H. Causey, Miss Laura Fugler and Mrs. P. L. Bates.

Collection taken by Mrs. Causey, for Valence Street Mission, amounting to $9.20. Closed with singing "Nearer my God to thee." and prayer by Miss E. J. Gardner.

Association adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator, W. W. Bolls, in chair. Prayer by Brother Shelly Turner.

Report on Abstracts read and approved, appendix L.

Report on Finance read and approved, appendix M.

Report of the Executive Board read and approved, appendix N.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted, appendix O.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, appendix P.

The report of committee on re-publication of minutes was adopted and committee continued.

NEW BUSINESS,

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, especially the sisters of New Providence church, and the friends in the community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association. God bless them.—J. R. Sample.

2. That the Clerk be instructed to have a list of names of all the ministers of the Association printed in the minutes.—Thos. Lansdell.

3. That we recommend the Southern Baptist, published at Meridian, Miss., as a paper worthy of the confidence and support of the brethren.—W. B. Kinabrew.

4. WHEREAS, It appears that the immorality, adultery, an ofience of a grave character, in direct violation of the word of God, is being tolerated, if not fellowshiped, by the church at Liberty, Zion Hill and Siloam, which, we believe, will greatly retard the interests of the cause of Christ in our bounds, and at which the Association feels aggrieved. And whereas article six of the powers of the Association gives the Association authority to take cognizance of such matters, but believing that those churches will discharge a duty that they owe to our blessed Redeemer themselves, and the Association, by taking such action in the premises as will place them in a more pleasant relationship with the Association, and thus re-

lieve the Association of the painful and unpleasant duty of further action in the matter, therefore,

Resolved, That the said churches, if it be true that such immortalities do exist, be earnestly requested to take, at once, such steps and such action in the matter as will place them in the Association and before the world. in that attitude that all Christian churches. faithful to the cause of Christ, should occupy; and that the delegates from those churches be requested to bring these resolutions to the notice of those churches.—E B. Seale.

Resolved, 5. That the Clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services.—E. W. Spencer.

The following resolution was referred to the churches, with a request that they adopt it:

Resolved, That letters of dismissal granted to members of the church, be forwarded direct to the church to which the member wishes to go, and that the member's name be retained upon the church roll until notice of the reception of the member by the church to which the letter was forwarded is received.—J. R. Sample.

A committee consisting of brethren J. A. Jenkins, H. G. Quinn, of Amite county, T. J. Scott, E. B. Seale, of Franklin, J. R. Sample, L. O. Weathersby. of Pike, R. R. Brown, S. E. McDonald, of Wilkinson, was appointed to assist Bro' H, Woodsmall in his work in organizing institutes for the instruction of the colored Baptist of this Association.

Messengers to corresponding bodies:

Mississippi River Association—E. W. Spencer, R. D. J. Smith, S. S. Faust, Milton Chance and W. W. Bolls.

Homochitto (col)—T. J. Scott, E. B. Seale, T. R. Godbold, J. A. Jenkins and S. H. Thompson.

Mississippi College—G. B. Rogers and R. D. J. Smith.

Fair River Association—B. F. Zumbro, L. O. Weathersby, and W. W. Bolls.

Union—E. B. Seale, T. J. Scott, L. O. Weathersby, W. W. Bolls and O. D. Numan.

Gulf Coast—L. O. Weathersby.

Bogue Chitto—J. A. Jenkins, W. Z. Lea, C. P. Jones and H. G. Quinn.

State Convention—G. B. Rogers. J. R. Sample, M. M. Whitney, S. S. Faust, L. O. Weathersby, R. J. Fenn, W. W. Bolls.

By motion, granted that any brother who may attend the State Convention be regarded by the association as a delegate.

By motion, this Association agreed to open correspondence with Magee's Creek Association. Messengers, J. A. Jenkins and L. O. Weathersby.

By motion, agreed that a copy of the minutes be the credentials of messengers to corresponding bodies.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have published in the minutes the blank form of letter, prepared by American Baptist Publication Society.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That we renew our pledges made two years ago at Gallilee to publish the minutes of the Association, in book form, from its organization up to the present time:

By a unanimous vote, the Association accepted the invitation of the Woodville church to hold its next annual meeting there, Friday morning 10 o'clock, before the second Sunday in October, 1885.

By motion, the Association is to meet for organization at 10 o'clock a. m., next year.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to have eight hundred copies of minutes printed.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet again with the Woodville church Friday, 10 o'clock a.m., before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1885.

W. W. BOLLS, Mederator.

G. B. ROGERS, Clerk.

Closing, touchlng remarks by Moderator, Song. "Blest

lection on Sabbath which shall be applied to aiding Sister Gardner in her church building.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,
J. A. BURRESS,
H. A. ROGERS,
Committee.

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APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Benevolence would submit the following report :

We do not believe that the churches of this Association are yet fully awake to the great work of missions and christian education.

We would earnestly recommend that collections be taken in every church, quarterly, for missions, Foreign, Home and State, Mississippi College, Ministerial Education and Sustentation.

We think that Miss Emma Gardiner has a special claim upon this Association, and would recommend that efforts be made in every church to raise means to support and extend the work in which she is engaged.

J. B. OLIVER,
W. EVERETT,
R. J. FENN,
Committee.

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APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

We, your committee on Mississippi College, beg leave to

report that in our opinion the college is comparatively in a prosperous condition. This session has opened well. One hundred and sixty-five students have already been enrolled—somewhat in advance of this time last session. Brother I. H. Anding has been secured as Financial Secretary, and has entered vigorously upon his work. His effort will be to raise in two years, an endowment fund of 25 thousand dollars, and in addition a sufficient amount to supplement the tuition fund so as to support a good faculty of teachers. The college lives in the affection of Baptist of the State as no other enterprise of our State Convention. Brethren all over the State are saying let us rise up and put our college above penury and want.

We commend the college to the sympathy and support of the churches of this Association

Respectfuly submitted,

Z. T. LEAVELL,
W. H. TUCKER,
J. R. SAMPLE,
Committee.

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APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Your committee on Prohibition would respectfully submit the following report:

We heartily endorse the prohibition movement in our State, and believe that the people of our State should demand and have the right to express themselves on the liquor traffic question at the ballot-box.

Respectfully submitted,

P. FRANK CAUSEY, Chm'n.

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APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION

Your committee on General Education beg leave to report:

In this age of education and development it is absolutely necessary to give our children all the culture in our power. The youth are the hope of the country. They are to fill our churches and occupy positions of responsibility, and if we wish our churches to prosper in the cities and best portions of the country, we must give our children, who are to compose our churches to a great extent, such mental training as will keep them abreast with the best educated of the age. And while we are educating them in literature, the arts and sciences we should have religious influences thrown around them that will lead them to love and serve God. At Mississippi College our boys will be inestimably benefitted by the influences of ministerial students and the piety of the professors. And by sending them to this college they will be where they will be most benefitted, and at the same time it will be helping to sustain this institution which has done so much and will continue to do so much for the Baptists of the State.

There are female colleges and high schools all over the State that are under the control of pious Baptists, who are well calculated to give our daughters all the mental culture and accomplishments we may desire.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KINABREW,
T. J. SCOTT,
T. H. HOFF,
Committee.

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APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to report:

Being convinced from reading of the letters from the churches that enough interest is not manifested by the churches composing the Association in the organization and main-

tainance of Sunday-schools.

We therefore would impress upon the several churches and the individual membership composing the churches, that the wonderful progress of evangelizing the world within the last century since the organization of Sunday-schools as compared with the same period previous, should impress all with the fact that Sunday-schools as an auxiliary and supplimenting the work of the ministry has in the hands of God proven a great power for good.

No church or community can well afford not to take a deep and profound interest in Sunday-schools.

We feel impressed that the young now living in this age of Sunday-schools know more than women and men living previous to this age of the Bible. Thus preparing their minds for the reception of the truth and the power of knowing the truth when preached.

Therefore, we recommend:

1st. The organization of Sunday-schools by each church.

2d. The selection of Godly men and women as officers and teachers.

3d. The object in teaching to be the use of the mind as the means of reaching the hearts of those taught.

4th. The use of the Baptist literature published by the Baptist Publication Society to the exclusion of all other literature, making special mention of the Superintendant for Superintendants. The Teacher for Teachers Senior and advance quarterlies for advance classess. Intermediate and primary quarterlies for intermediate classess, and the Picture Lesson quarterlies for infant classes. And for papers Kind Words and the Young Missionary now published at Moss Point by Bro. R. N. Hall.

5th. Calling especial attention to the liberal proposition of the Bible department of the Society to Sunday-schools and churches with a view of placing a free Bible in the hands of each child.

6th. Impressing the fact lastly that it requires the hearty co-operation of parents to successfully interest the children in the work of the Sunday-school, their duty ever being to say come rather than go.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WHITNEY,
J. M. WATSON,
A. E. FUGLER,
L. O. WEATHERSBY,
Committee.

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APPENDIX H.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following as their report:

We heartily endorse and recommend the "Baptist Record" as sound in doctrine, Christly in spirit, and well calculated to build up and advance the cause of the Master.

We would kindly and respectfully urge upon the heads of families in our churches, the duty of taking the Record, and thus not only sustaining our State organ, but at the same time furnishing their families such reading matter as will exert a good moral and spiritual influence.

For information regarding our Foreign Mission work, we would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published in Richmond, Va. For general information and healthy reading for families we recommend Ford's Christian Repository and Home Circle, published in St. Louis, Mo.

For our ministers we would recommend the Religious Herald, published in Richmond, Va. The Herald is a paper of a pure and elevated tone; and for general information, especially concerning the Baptists world, we know of no paper that contains as much.

If one desires to post himself in the religious news of the world an effectual way will be to read the Religious Herald

To those who may desire to read an old and strong Baptist paper. the Tennessee Baptist is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS LANSDELL.
M. B. ROBINSON,
W. B. KINABREW,
Committee.

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APPENDIX I.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Mission work has in the eleven years of its existence proved a grand success. It is no longer experimental. The work now to be done consists in moving forward in the name of the Master and along the line of developing the masses of undeveloped Baptists in the great work of giving for missions. This work of State Missions is only a part of the work, and must be kept before our people until they learn and do their duty.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. FELDER,
J. T. HAMILTON,
I. J. BUNCH,
Committee.

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APPENDIX J.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee would not presume that this Association need argument to prove the necessity of ministerial education in this enlightened age. What sensible man would suppose that lawyers and physicians should be educated, and ministers, in the exercise of their vocation, should remain

without sufficient culture to render them efficient.

We therefore urge our young brethren in the ministery, to study with all diligence, to endeavor to acquire a good fund of general information, to make themselves familiar with Baptist useage and Baptist history; and above all to store their minds richly with Bible truth, that the principles of Christianity may prevail over our entire land.

Respectfully submitted.

PETER TURNER, Chm'm.

APPENDIX K.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It is sad to note the death of many members of the church in the bonds of our Association during the past year, but it is God's will and work, and let us not murmur, remembering that "all things work together for good to them that love God.

Your committee would be glad to mention the names of all the deceased, but the church letters do not give them, neither have we been able to get them from the delegates.

The churches report as follows:

East Fork—Thos. E. McNight, Willie T. Gordon.

Mount Zion—Two.

McComb—Four.

Zion Hill—Ann Johnson, Eva Butler, Demarias Day.

Union, Amite—One.

Ebenezer—One.

New Providence—One.

Ramah—William Smith, Lucinda Travis.

Fort Adams—Delzel Eby, an aged and faithful minister of the gospel.

Summit—L. Scofield. an earnest minister for forty-three years. Rebecca Dnnn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. SPENCER, Chm'n.

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APPENDIX L.

REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your committee on Abstracts submit the following: to-wit:

Liberty church—We have been revived, and have been able to rejoice in the salvation of the Lord, also have had the gospel faithfully preached to us the present year by Elder W. H. Tucker.

Galilee church—Eld. E. W. Spencer, pastor; feels the need of a revival, and reports perilous times upon us.

New Salem—Elder Joseph Buckles. We are hopeful, and trust by the blessing of God, to be able to do something for the cause of the Redeemer's kingdom.

East Fork—Eld. W. H. Tucker, pastor. We have felt an outpouring of God's spirit in addition to a number added to our membership.

Ebenezer—Thomas Lansdale, pastor. We have enjoyed a quiet year, but there seems to be a want of that earnest Christian zeal which is productive of good Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings.

Percy's Creek—G. B. Rogers, pastor. Enjoied a revival of God's presence.

Fort Adams—G. B. Rodgers, pastor, through whose instrumentality we have been greatly blessed, preaches once a month and is doing much good.

New Providence—Thomas Lansdell, pastor. The church greatly revived, and general good feeling existing among the membership.

Natchez—Z. T. Leavell, pastor. The Lord we feel has heard our prayers and blessed our labors. A good state of feeling prevails. The dark cloud that has so long hung over us seems to have passed away.

New Hope—G. W. Farmer, pastor. Church has been greatly revived,

Mt. Zion---W. W. Bolls, pastor. A meeting of days resulted in a most precious revival, and the baptism of eleven souls.

New Zion---A. G. Felder, pastor. In August last, 19 souls were added, also peace and harmony and brotherly love prevails in our little church.

Sarepta---T. P. Stewart, pastor. Report peace, harmony and brotherly love. Have been greatly revived by a meeting of days.

Summit—Peter Turner, pastor. Feels the need of a revival. They are not without hope of an improved spiritual condition.

Zion Hill---W. W. Bolls, pastor. Held a meeting of days and the church greatly revived, encouraged and strengthened.

Ramah---Z. Lofton, pastor. Reports a revival and sinners made to rejoice.

Siloam---S. H. Thompson, pastor. Reports some revival and the church in good condition for Christian labor.

Woodville---G. B. Rogers, pastor. We rejoice to say that brotherly love prevails among us and that we are united in sympathy with the work of sustaining all the objects fostered by the Association.

Union church, Franklin---G W. Farmer, pastor. As a body we are in working order. Peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail.

Providence, Franklin Co.---S. H. Thompson, pastor. Church in a prosperous condition.

Mars Hill---Elder W. W. Bolls, pastor. Membership greatly revived and strengthened.

McComb City---Peter Turner, pastor. Church very cold and lukewarm.

Union church---S. H. Thompson, pastor. Reports the church revived.

Pioneer church---Re-organized and greatly revived.

Hopewell---Elder W. W. Bolls, pastor. At peace.

Dry Fork Union, Wilkinson county, Miss. No pastor. We have been visited by the Holy Spirit and greatly revived.

Respectfully submitted,

M. JACKSON,
T. R. GODBOLD,
J. R. MULLENS,
Committee.

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APPENDIX M.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance would report as follows:

Rec'd from the churches			for Associational purposes...	$ 90 15
"	"	"	For missions.....	28 65
"	"	"	State missions.....	77 40
"	"	"	Home missions.....	52 30
"	"	"	Miss. College.....	20 70
"	"	"	Min. Education.....	16 65
"	"	"	Sustentation	2 50
Total				$275 45

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SEALE, Chm'n.

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APPENDIX N.

To the Mississippi Baptist Association, in session assembled:

Your Executive Board presents the following report of their proceedings during the past associational year.

That they have had frequent meetings during the year, and have consulted together frequently, with a view of obtaining correct information, as to the condition of the field of labor, within our jurisdiction, and especially in places of ministerial destitution, and of dormant and dilapidated churches, and the means of supply at our command for these places of destitution.

We can state, that we have advised the appropriation of the sum of twenty-five dollars, to aid the Providence church in Franklin county, to procure the services of a regular pastor of that church, for the past year, and we have also advised the appropriation of fifty dollars, to assist the New Salem church, while rebuilding their house of worship, which was swept away, as we are informed, by a fearful cyclone, that passed over the country of its location, and we have advised the further appropriation of such reasonable amount as may be due to Elder S. H. Thompson, for his ministerial labors during the associational year now closing.

We have had several reports from Bro. Thompson, showing that he had labored faithfully in the destitute places in our associational bounds, and that his preaching had been uniformly acceptable to the churches and congregations, and that he believed had been blessed of God. That owing to the depressed financial condition of the churches, and congregations to whom he has been preaching, they have not paid him an amount at all adequate to his economical snpport, or an equivalent for his labors.

Your committee would further state, that they have assumed no individual responsibility for the sums above recommended to be paid, but believing them to be eminently proper,

have advised, and do recommend their payment out of any funds belonging to, or controlled by the State Board of Missions, not otherwise appropriated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. WEBB, Sec'y of Board.

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APPENDIX O.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Missions are missions, whether foreign or State. The principle is the same whether in the United States or in China. The order of progress laid down in the first chapter of Acts for mission work is from Jerusalem "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Mission work is the work of the church. Going into all the world and preaching the good news to every creature is the practical expansive idea in all evangelistic work. We are glad to report that more laborers are occupying the fields abroad, and that many of our young ministers are giving heed to the Macedonian cries for help.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. CRAIN,
S. E. McDONALD,
J. C. ROBERTS,
Committee.

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APPENDIX P.

TREASURERS REPORT.

W. Z. Lee, in account with Mississippi Association:

DR.

To balance on hand Associational fund	$ 9 80

Received from finance committee	89 55

CR.

Paid J. B. Gamhrell for printing minutes and distributing same	57 85
Paid Elder Pikes for services as clerk	25 00
	$ 82 85
Balance on hand Associational fund	$ 16 50

ASSOCIATIONAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

DR.

Balance on hand last report	$ 32 45
Received from finance commitee	32 55
From Mt. Zion church	17 00
From Ebenezer church, by Bro. Kinabrew	11 00
From Ebenezer church, by Bro. Smith	6 75
From Sister M. E. Dodds	6 10
From Bro. Sam Hodgess Moss Hill	5 00
Total	$110 85

CR.

Paid Elder Lansdale by order of Association	$ 25 00
S. H. Thompson by order of Association	25 00
S. H. Thompson by order of Executive Board	10 00
Elder L. Ball from Ebenezer church	11 00
Sister Dodds, Hopewell church	6 10
Bro. A. S. Turner, Moss Hill	77 10
To T. J. Walne	10 00
	$ 87 10
Balance due Association	$ 23 75

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DR.

Balance on hand last report	$ 68 65
Received from committee on finance	16 10

Sister Dodds, Hopewell	7 25
R. D. J, Smith, Ebenezer church	10 00
J. B. Oliver	5 00

CR.

Paid H. A. Tupper, Richmond	80 00
B. H. Whitfield	5 00
	$ 85 00
Balance due Association	$ 22 00

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Paid Elder J. B. Gambrell	$ 61 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA,

Treasurer Miss. Asso.

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Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one only true living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man —the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state. and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous. and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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Gospel Order.

1. We believe that the visible church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church —the only Law-giver, and the government is with the body the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion and to give themselves as members, of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organizod church to expel from her communion, all disorderly members, who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to Scripture.

Rules of Decorum.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union, shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates, until she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7 Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which effect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case, he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

11, No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference. neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may deem proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer. by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before toe Association rises.

17. These Rnles of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations only as respects form.

Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with those Associations of the same faith and order,

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and to remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

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Dry Fork, Union	D N Cavin	
East Fork	E A Bates	
Ebenezer	R D J Smith	1 50
Fort Adams	B R Price	5 00
*Galilee	T H Hoff	9 75
†Homer Hill		5 95
Hopewell	S S Montgomery	4 00
Liberty	W Z Lea	
Mars Hill	J A Burris	00
McComb City	F J Lovelady	00
Mount Zion	H T Weathersby	80
Natchez	T W Partridge	70
New Hope	J R Mullens	60
New Providence	H R Causey	00
New Salem	W G Byrd	00
New Zion	Z E Nunnery	45
Percy's Creek	W H Davis	75
Pioneer	I J Bunch	65
Providence	W J Young	40
Ramah	J R Terrell	70
†Sand Hill		50
Sarepta	J M Bankston	50
Siloam	Z M Cowart	
Summit	L O Weathersby	50
*Union, Franklin	J H Butler	00
Union, Amite	W S P Claughton	15
Woodville	J B Oliver	0
Zion Hill	W R Jacobs	0
Totals		5
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Churches	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Last year	Baptized	Received by letter.	Restored	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded	Died	This year	Day of Meeting	Associational purposes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Ed	Sustentation.	Total
Dry Fork, Union	D N Cavin	Woodville	51	4		1	2			54		1 50							1 50
East Fork	E A Bates	Bates Mill	236	10	3	1	25		2	223	d	5 00							5 00
Ebenezer	R D J Smith	Olio	172		1	1	1		1	422		3 00	17 75		10 00				30 75
Fort Adams	B R Price	Fort Adams	75	5	3	1	3	3	1	77	2d	3 00	17 95			2 00	3 00		25 95
*Galilee	T H Hoff	Gloster	146		2		1	1		12	4th.	5 00		13 00	26 00				44 00
†Homer Hill																			
Hopewell	S S Montgomery	Meadville	54							56	4th	3 00							3 00
Liberty	W Z Lea	Liberty	149	1	4	1	6	1		157		4 00							4 00
Mars Hill	J A Burris	Summit	142	17	7	2	2			166	3d	5 00		8 55	1 25				14 80
McComb City	F J Lovelady	McComb City	95		7		10		4	88		50	10 07	5 00	2 50		3 65		23 70
Mount Zion	H T Weathersby	Little Springs	190	11	3	7	6	3	2	2 0	2d	6			8 60		15 00		29 60
Natchez	T W Partridge	Natchez	83	11	3					117		3 00	25 00			20 00			48 00
New Hope	J R Mullens	Veto	60	5		4				68	2d	3 00							3 00
New Providence	H R Causey	Liberty	61		2				1	61	1st.	3 00		16 45					19 45
New Salem	W G Byrd	McCallsCreek	27		6		2			30		2 00	1 75						3 75
New Zion	Z E Nunnery	Liberty	56	16	8		1	2		57	2d	2 65							2 65
Percy's Creek	W H Davis	Woodville	46	15			5	5		51		3 00	22 40			2 00			27 40
Pioneer	I J Bunch	Cold Springs		23		2				54		3 00	70						3 70
Providence	W J Young	Meadville	39	14		5	4			45	3d	2 50							2 50
Ramah	J R Terrell	McCalls Creek	145	10			2	4	2	149	3d	4 50							4 50
†Sand Hill																			
Sarepta	J M Bankston	Union Church	33	11	4	4	3			49	4th.	3 50							3 50
Siloam	Z M Cowart	Little Springs	58	5	3	1		3		64	4th.	3 00							3 00
Summit	L O Weathersby	Summit	92	6	5	1	7		1	96	1st and 3d	3 00	18 60	2 20	16 45				40 25
*Union, Franklin	J H Butler	Gloster	21	3	2		3	2	1	20	1st.	1 50							1 50
Union, Amite	W S P Claughton	Morgan's Fork	138	25	6	1	1	3		15	4th	8 00		15 10					23 10
Woodville	J B Oliver	Woodville	21	4	7		5	2		25	1st and 3d	3 00	26 00	2 50	7 15	10 00	10 00	2 50	61 15
Zion Hill	W R Jacobs	Zion Hill	180	12	1	2	9	1	3	182		5 00	5 00		2 90				12 90
Totals			2341	221	97	36	100	33	18	536		84 65	43 45	62 80	74 85	24 00	31 25	2 50	442 65

*Some names dropped, because their whereabouts unknown.
†No representation.

E. A. Bates

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